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Quinn Adamik, left, Jett Adamik, middle, and Evan Smallwood end 2017 off in style taking at the New Year's party at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre on Dec. 31.

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Students donate to James Duncan Owl Foundation



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Ecole R.W. Bobby Bend School Grade 4 science students, under the direction of Madame Bodnarus, raised \$426 for the James Duncan Discover Owls Foundation on Dec. 21. The students donated a loonie for each owl stuffy they brought to school.



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Families ring in the New Year at Quarry Park



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To celebrate the last day of 2018, families joined in the annual New Year's Eve party activities at Stonewall's Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre. Complete with a photo booth, games, and arts and crafts, children were able to have a celebration of their own before the evening celebrations began. Photos, left to right: Hannah Hidlebaugh gets her face painted and Kain Cowden enjoys painting a picture.



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Stonewall sewing enthusiast wins doll clothes contest

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall sewing enthusiast stitched together a victory in a contest for creating fun and festive doll clothes.

The Pixie Faire Fun and Festive Sweater Contest featured 80 entries from Canada and the United States that showcased everything from knitted sweaters and sweatshirts to formal wear for 18-inch dolls.

From Dec. 11 to 17, friends, family and fans could vote on the Pixie Faire website. Supporters could vote three times online by clicking on their favourite image or images.

Lynne Thompson submitted three entries, earning first place for a gingerbread house design, third place for Herself the Elf and fourth place for a dancing Rudolph entry.

In addition to receiving an Amazon gift card for having the entry with the most votes, Thompson was also heartened to receive support for her work from Stonewall and beyond — resulting in three special orders for her winning design.

"It was really exciting. You could use whatever you wanted for a pattern,

and they suggested recycling an old sweater to make it," Thompson said.

"I had more than 700 votes, and because of that, I had 1,400 people visit my page. About 175 people from Stonewall and more than 900 from Winnipeg looked at my doll clothes. They may not have voted, but they came and looked. It was fun."

Thompson originally got her start by making clothes for her granddaughter's American Girl doll.

"I started with Simplicity patterns for sewing, and I wasn't really satisfied with the style or fit of the doll clothes," she said.

"When I found Pixie Faire, they have very modern looking clothes as well as historical clothes for whatever kind of American Girl doll you have. They also fit most other 18-inch dolls as well. It's a fun hobby."

Thompson showcases her creations at craft shows, and she's a familiar face at Pineridge Hollow on Saturdays throughout the summer. She also sets up at several Christmas craft shows.

To see a selection of Thompson's creations, visit her Facebook page entitled Forever Friends Doll Clothes.



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Shoppers support Interlake women and children in crisis

Staff

More women and children in the Interlake will be sleeping safely tonight thanks to the generous donations received at the Teulon Shoppers Drug Mart.

Between Sept. 9 and Oct. 6, the Teulon location collected \$1,404 as part of the Shoppers Drug Mart Grow Women's Health campaign (formerly known as the Tree of Life) in support of the Nova House in Selkirk. Visitors to the Shoppers location made their donations by purchasing a leaf, a butterfly, an apple or a bird priced at \$1 to \$50 to decorate the limbs of a large tree housed inside the store.

Roxanne Aeichele, manager of Teulon Shoppers Drug Mart, presented Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski with Teulon's contribution on Jan. 3.

Nova House is a shelter for women and children in crisis in the Interlake region of Manitoba. The location provides temporary shelter, counselling and other support services for its occupants. Nova House has 24 beds for

women and children and was at full capacity over Christmas, said Pazdzierski.

The funds raised through the Shoppers campaign will go a long way to help those who come to Nova House to escape dangerous and abusive domestic situations. The money will be used to support children's programs, including staffing and counselling at Nova House.

Pazdzierski says the donation is a huge benefit to the organization.

"There have been no government increases in financial support in 13 years. Our community support has been amazing," she said.

The \$1,404 raised at the Teulon Shoppers location joins the funds raised at the Selkirk Shoppers Drug Mart for a total donation of \$7,888.

While hundreds of shelters like Nova House have opened since the 1970s, Pazdzierski explained that "nothing has changed," that the stories that bring refuge-seekers to the doors of Nova House continue to be of abuse, violence and fear. More work



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Pictured left to right, Anna Pazdzierski, Executive Director Nova House and Shoppers' staff Kim Calder, Roxanne Aeichele, Mike Olynik, associate owner, Carrie Stone and Mike Friesen. Missing from the photo is Allison Tronrud, Jennifer Gibson, Evelyn Penner and Amber Blue.

has to be done within communities to disrupt and prevent cycles of domestic violence.

The Shoppers Drug Mart Grow Women's Health Campaign is always

looking for registered charities that support women's health campaigns. For more information, contact Roxanne Aeichele at 204-886-2814.

Stony Mountain Community Centre looking for local input

Submitted by Robyn Deprez

In conjunction with the RM of Rockwood, the Stony Mountain Community Centre (SMCC) is commencing a

multi-year project to upgrade the SMCC. The objective of this project is to enhance the facility to better meet the current and future needs of the community.

Rockwood has shared that 90 per cent of the growth within the municipality in the next 10 years will be within the community of Stony Mountain. An upgrade process is crucial if SMCC is to meet the growing needs of the community.

The facility upgrades are currently focused in two areas: Increasing functionality — Re-modernization of the hall; improved kitchen facilities, with enhanced food preparation capabilities; addition of two dressing rooms to accommodate multi team access and tournaments.

General facility maintenance — Washroom renovations; Enhanced temperature control for the outside viewing area; improved indoor viewing and seating area.

The funding for this project will come from a multi-faceted fundraising campaign including municipal, provincial and federal grants combined with private fundraising initiatives.

Input from the community is vital to the success of this initiative. To that end, the SMCC board has initiated a consultation process with its key stakeholders and has developed a survey for residents of Stony Mountain and the surrounding area.

Survey information collected will be reviewed in conjunction with the Stony Mountain Community Centre Modernization Business Plan.

Questions included: What is the likelihood that you will utilize the community centre over the next five years: (i.e. sports programs, exercise programs, hall rental, wedding, social)? If you are not likely to use the facility in the next five years, why is that? Would you or your family be more likely to use the facility if there were year round programs (i.e. indoor summer camps for children, indoor soccer)? In your opinion, what is the highest priority upgrade to the community centre? What do you currently use the facility for? Do you have any suggestions for upgrades or programs additions to the community centre? What is your demographic information.

The survey can be filled out online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9LW5DF>. Paper copies are available at Pic n Pay in Stony Mountain or at the Community Centre. Completed paper surveys can be returned to those same places. Updates can be found on the website www.stonyrec.ca.

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Ventura donates \$10,000 to YFC Stonewall Youth Drop In

By Jennifer McFee

The new year is off to a great start for the YFC Stonewall Drop In Centre, which received a \$10,000 donation from the Ventura Group last week.

On Thursday, Jan. 4, Ventura Land Company vice-president Tim Comack presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Paul Emmer of the YFC Stonewall Drop In.

Glenda Sobie, general manager of Ventura Custom Homes Ltd., said the company is focused on making a lasting impression in the places they build. Ventura Group has a corporate philosophy to give charitable donations to grassroots organizations within those communities.

The youth drop-in centre is a perfect example of a community resource that creates a direct, positive and lasting impact on the community, Comack added.

"This organization deserves our sustained support," he said. "We look forward to working with them over the long term to help further enhance the community services they provide."

Ventura Land Company remains committed to Stonewall, where it has been building for nearly 20 years. The company manages Quarry Ridge Park and is the leading custom homebuilder in this master-planned subdivision.

Ventura Land Company and Ventura Custom Homes Ltd. made the \$10,000 contribution together from their Quarry Ridge Park Community Fund, which is an annual community grant created through funds derived direct-

ly from lot sales in Quarry Ridge Park and by the recipients' volunteerism in the community.

The YFC Stonewall Drop In will use the funds to buy new equipment focused on computers, music, video gaming, virtual reality and audio-visual enhancements, providing ample opportunities for young people to have fun in a safe environment.

"This equipment will allow us to serve more students in more ways and impact so many lives," said Emmer, who describes himself as a servant and mentor in Stonewall.

"It's exciting. Business partnership today translates into radically improved lives for students now and for decades."

In addition to expressing gratitude to Ventura, Emmer also extends kudos to the kids who have been working hard all year.

"I'm really proud of them. This all started with 53 people going out in the community and doing 250 hours of work and collecting 103 bags of garbage during the community cleanup," he said.

"Since then, the students have been doing a lot of service projects, and Tim can see that this as a place where leaders are created. All year, we've had leadership dinners every Thursday, which is two hours when kids eat and learn. We're kind of like a leader factory."

Over the past year, Ventura has opened the door to more opportuni-



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY STEPHANIE DUNCAN

Ventura Land Company vice-president Tim Comack (right) presented a \$10,000 donation to Paul Emmer of YFC Stonewall Drop In.

ties for youth to serve within the community. Emmer said he's thrilled with the number of students and parents who've participated in initiatives.

With a focus on increasing volunteerism in 2018, students can lend a hand through the Ventura Volunteer Challenge, developed in partnership with YFC Stonewall Drop In. To participate, students can start by registering at the drop-in centre located at 311 1st St. East near the theatre and skateboard park. After that, they can start serving in the community.

For every hour of volunteer service, students will receive one entry for prizes such as Jets tickets provided by Ventura. The initiative wraps up

on Feb. 15 and winners will be announced at a celebratory party tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17.

Students are encouraged to be creative, to work with existing community groups and to serve a wide range of people including families, seniors, other students, individuals with special needs and homeless people.

Ideas could include shovelling walkways, participating in food drives or toy drives, tutoring, visiting people in the community, assisting with events and activities, and much more.

For more information or to register, contact Emmer at YFC Stonewall Drop In at 204-229-9397 or Paul@YFC-Winnipeg.ca.

Single-vehicle crash

By Jennifer McFee

On Saturday, Jan. 6, STARS Air Ambulance transported a man to the Health Sciences Centre after he was involved in a single-vehicle crash on the Perimeter Highway near the Highway 6 turnoff. The driver, who was the only person in the vehicle, was in stable condition.

Roads were slippery when the crash occurred. Other agencies on the scene included Winnipeg Fire Paramedic, as well as rural EMS, fire and ambulance.

The Perimeter highway crash occurred while RCMP were also at the scene of a semi that jackknifed on Centreport Canada Way near Sturgeon Road just after 5 p.m. There were no reported injuries, but both westbound lanes were blocked for a while. A couple hours later, one westbound lane opened.

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That's what happened to Willi Knelsen of Lac du Bonnet who I met at Gull Lake by Stead about a week ago. He said he was sitting in his truck beside his two tip-ups when one of them popped up. He jumped out of the truck, grabbed its line and began reeling in. Soon, looking down into the water of the ice hole, the head of a good-sized pickerel appeared. Just then, off to his side, Willi heard his other pop-up snap to attention.

Something didn't feel right though and on a hunch he let go of the line. The pickerel disappeared down the hole as he raced to the other rig. He reeled in, and sure enough, the same pickerel reared its head from the water with both hooks in its mouth. That's one fish that didn't get away.

It was a quiet, overcast afternoon some days later when I was slowly cruising along on the Red downstream of Selkirk visiting anglers when a hard wall shack with a solar panel on the roof caught my eye. I pulled up to it and knocked on the door, calling out, "You having any luck today?"

A young chap with short dark brown hair and lively nature answered the door saying, "We are today."

"What does that mean," I joked as I was ushered into a brand new shack.

Our new friend introduced himself as Shawn Emery then pointed to his friend sitting on a bench as Mike Probot.

"Well, I see you guys are going solar like so many other anglers," I offered.

"Yeah," Shawn said, "once installed,



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Willi Knelsen with his catch of a nice pickerel.

you've got free heat and light."

"Just when I came in, I remembered you saying you were having luck today," I questioned Shawn.

"Well," he explained, "a few days ago, getting down to fishing took a little doing."

Apparently, when they got here, they drilled holes and no sooner did they drop their lines into the water than Shawn's cell phone fell out of his pocket following his line. Thinking quickly, he thrust his arm into the icy water rescuing his phone. After calming down, the next step was getting the propane heater to heat the shack. They fiddled with the couplings until they thought they were tight and lit it up. The couplings weren't tight enough.

Suddenly flames began billowing all around the fixture.

Fortunately, once again quick thinking, Shawn turned the main valve off killing the flames. He slumped back onto the

bench exclaiming, "What else can go wrong!" Well, fortunately nothing did and the guys finally settled in catching a nice mess of fish to take home.

Last weekend, jumping off Road 94N past the Erinview "church road" onto the ice of Shoal Lake, I could see many shacks and tailgaters. I forced Old Red through high rutted snow drifts toward two trucks that had parked together as a wind shelter. I pulled up to two young guys and a gal jigging rods in ice holes between the trucks. The white ice pack was bathed in bright sunlight, though it was cold and windy as I got out of the truck.

Following introductions, I asked if they could recall any unusual fishing experiences.

Dillon Proctor of Teulon was the more talkative one. He thought for a moment, toying with his thick brown moustache. Britney Borthistle from Grosse Isle and his buddy tall, lanky, Shaun Schott from Woodlands stood by waiting. Then Dillon's eyes creased in amusement recalling how their boss went ice fishing and wrecked his auger. It seems he drilled some holes and then put his auger into one of them that wasn't drilled through to water — or so he thought. Sadly, some water did creep up and imprisoned the auger. Ken backed his truck up to it, hooked on a chain and then gunned it. The truck tires growled spinning as the auger squealed against the ice and then the shaft bent and the auger leapt from the ice.

Later, come Monday, Ken struggled into the metal shop where they worked, lugging his twisted auger. He pleaded with Dillon to fix it. "No way," Dillon exclaimed, "but I hear they've got a sale on at Canadian Tire."

Till next week. Bye for now.

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Local snowmobile trails groomed and open for riders

By Natasha Tersigni

Local trails are groomed and ready for eager snowmobilers to start their winter adventures.

As of Dec. 27, the 267 kilometres of trails have been groomed by the South Interlake SnoRiders. The club's vast trail system runs through the Warren, Stonewall and Stony Mountain area and stretches north to Petersfield and then across to Teulon, Erinview and Inwood and back south to the Argyle area.

While the cold temperatures have kept some riders home, diehards are happy with the extreme weather as it has meant that trails are kept frozen and in good condition. Other clubs within the province are still waiting for the water on lakes and swamps to freeze before their trails can open.

"Right now on our trails, there is a mix of really great riding conditions and then a few mediocre spots in a few places. The cold weather has slowed the traffic on the trails, which is nice as we wait for a little more snow for the trails. The more traffic, the more

snow that we need to maintain them," said Joe Thieven, who is the Interlake SnoRiders grooming co-ordinator.

Thieven reminds all riders to implement safe practices, including riding with a buddy in colder temperatures.

"Take some safety equipment such as a tow rope, spark plugs and a belt so you can do some basic repairs while out. Communication equipment is also very important. While there isn't cell service on all the trails in the Interlake, have a cellphone on you and keep it warm in case you do need to call for help," said Thieven, who added that making plans before you leave for the day is important and can be done by checking trail conditions online.

"Riders need to be very cautious about riding where trails are not open because there is not the right amount of snow cover. Clubs report their trail conditions every Thursday and they are then posted online."

To encourage local riders to get out on the trails, the SnoRiders have a few upcoming events planned, including



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South Interlake SnowRiders members have been busy grooming the 267 kilometres of trails for avid snowmobilers.

their 15th Annual Poker Derby Fundraiser being held Jan. 13. The ride starts at the Mountain Motor Inn in Stony Mountain at 9:30 a.m. and includes stops throughout the South Interlake. Money from the ride goes to support equipment needed to maintain the snowmobile trails. All grooming is done by volunteers and it takes approximately \$40,000 a season to

keep the trails groomed.

Money for trail grooming also comes from the Snoman trail pass purchases that all riders are required to purchase. Getting caught without a Snopass results in a \$486 fine. For information on where to purchase a Snopass or for information on any trails within the province, go to snoman.mb.ca.

RCMP investigating homicide at Stony Mountain Institution

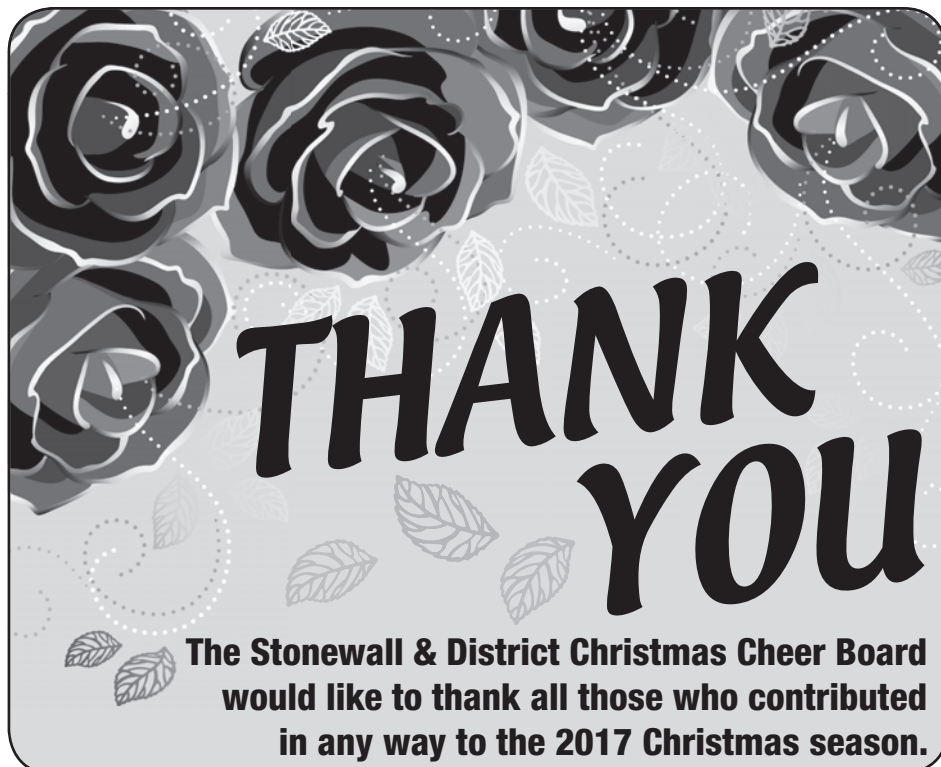
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On Jan. 7 at 9 p.m., Stonewall RCMP received a report of an altercation at the Stony Mountain Institution involving numerous inmates.

Officers were advised that an inmate was transported to the hospital in serious condition. The 42-year-old

male inmate later died as a result of his injuries. Two other male inmates, a 30-year-old and 21-year-old, suffered non-life threatening injuries.

RCMP officers from the Stonewall Detachment along with the Winnipeg Major Crime Unit continue to investigate.





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When fun, science and winter mix: the Balmoral Christmas Bird Count

Submitted by Jim Duncan

Why did the prairie chicken cross the road? To get counted in the 55th annual Balmoral Christmas Bird Count of course.

Why did 30 intrepid volunteers venture out into the cold on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, to count birds? To have some winter fun with family and friends.

Even though the Balmoral bird count has been going on for a while now, this citizen science project celebrated its impressive 118 anniversary this year. Started in 1900, it is North America's longest-running volunteer bird monitoring project. Counts happen in over 2,000 localities throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The information collected by thousands of volunteer participants forms one of the world's largest sets of wildlife survey data. The results are used daily by conservation biologists and naturalists to assess the population trends and distribution of birds. Each Christmas Bird Count is conducted on a single day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. Counts are carried out within a 24-kilometre diameter circle that stays the same from year to year. They are organized, usually as group efforts, at the local level, often by a birding club

or naturalist organization. I gladly took on the role of co-ordinating the Balmoral count in its 32nd year under somewhat unusual circumstances. In 1994, my wife Patsy and I purchased the farm from Catherine and George Thexton who originated the Balmoral bird count in 1963. Perhaps for the first and only time in real estate history, a unique "condition of sale" for purchasing the house and farm was to take over as co-ordinator of the local bird count.

This year, a total of 1,761 birds of 22 species (plus redpoll spp.) were identified and counted including 526 Snow Buntings, 203 Black-capped Chickadees, 173 Common Redpolls, 153 unidentified Redpoll species, 152 House Sparrows, 107 Blue Jays, 100 Common Ravens, 80 Bohemian Waxwings, 79 Pine Grosbeaks, 48 Black-billed Magpies, 34 White-breasted Nuthatches, 32 Sharp-tailed Grouse, 19 Hairy Woodpeckers, 17 Downy Woodpeckers, 17 Rock Pigeons, 5 Ruffed Grouse, 4 Hoary Redpolls, 3 Pileated Woodpeckers, 3 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 2 Bald Eagles, 2 Dark-eyed Juncos, 1 Pine Siskin and 1 Ring-necked Pheasant. Two additional species (A Great Horned Owl and a Grey Partridge) were detected during the seven-day



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JIM DUNCAN

Adult bald eagle (left) and sharp-tailed grouse.

count week period.

The 30 hardy volunteers who counted all these feathered friends included Charlene Berkvens, Jen Bilsky, Pauline Bloom, Susan Cosens, Jim and Patsy Duncan, Charlie and Fay Dunlop, Chris Fearn, Heather Hinam, Pat Jeffery, Joan Knisley, Heather, Dan, Liam, Lily and Lucas McDermid, Carol and John Morgan, Andrew Robert, Jim and Johanna Rodger, Merlin Shoesmith, Stuart Slattery, Helen Slavuta, Joanne Smith, Kathy and Tim

Stott, and Allan and Donna Webb.

For more on the Christmas Bird Count, see <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>).

If you happen to see any Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls or Barred Owls this winter please let me and my wife, Patsy Duncan, know by emailing us at owlfamily@mts.net as we catch, band and release these three owl species as part of a long-term owl research project.

Wreath competition raised funds for local cheerboard

The Stonewall Kinettes were the first place winners, receiving 220 \$1 votes, in the 2017 Festival of Wreaths competition held at the South Interlake Regional Library -

Stonewall Branch. The local RCMP detachment received 133 votes for second place and third was awarded to the Warren Herizon Lions with 120 votes. The Stonewall and District Cheerboard received \$626 from the votes tallied in the friendly competition with 22 wreaths participating. Head librarian Darlene Dallman presented a cheque to the Cheerboard along with a quilt and 167 pairs of mittens on Dec. 22. Pictured left to right: Pat Moldowan and Donna Kuby (Stonewall Kinettes), Pam Moody (Cheerboard), RCMP Staff Sgt. Kelly Glaspey, Joan Fotty (Cheerboard) and Darlene Dallman (South Interlake Regional Library).



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A New Year-Time for a Mortgage Check Up?

The new year is a time for making personal resolutions, writing business plans, evaluating your involvement in memberships and affiliations, and getting back on track with health and fitness. It is also a great time to book a mortgage checkup, and make sure your mortgage is working for you the way it should be.

How do you know if a mortgage checkup will benefit you? Here's a few questions to ask yourself. If the answer is yes to one or more, then it's time to book an appointment with your mortgage professional:

1) Is my mortgage renewing this year?

In our constantly changing mortgage environment, earlier contact & regular communication is always better. Keep your mortgage professional up to date on your current situation and plans moving forward so she/he can work ahead and ensure you are in the best situation for your next mortgage term.

2) Am I considering buying a new home, cottage or investment property this year?

Fully underwritten mortgage pre-approvals with interest rate holds are more important than ever when considering a new purchase this year, even for well qualified applicants.

3) What is the best source of funds to complete my home renovations/upgrades?

Cash savings, secured or unsecured lines of credit, mortgage refinance, personal loan-your mortgage professional can advise your best, lowest cost options.

4) How can I be mortgage free faster?

An annual mortgage review can track your progress and encourage you to make small changes that can save thousands of dollars. Your mortgage professional can play an integral part in your plan to pay off your mortgage.

5) How can I eliminate or reduce higher interest debt?

A review of your assets, debt, costs and cash flow can allow your mortgage professional to help with a plan to pay down debt and reduce costs with manageable monthly cash flow.

6) Life changes have occurred-is my current mortgage still the best fit?

Your current mortgage may no longer be the best fit if you've experienced a major life change. Even if your mortgage is still mid-term and not up for renewal, you'll benefit from a visit with your mortgage professional to update your details, discuss options and formulate a plan moving forward.

7) Is there a better, lower cost mortgage option in the market that I qualify for?

Your mortgage professional can compare the costs of your current mortgage with what is available today (even mid mortgage term) and advise if it's in your best interest to make changes. She/he can also provide peace of mind when you are currently in the best, lowest cost product in the market.

8) Should I consider locking in my variable rate mortgage?

If you are in a variable rate mortgage product, it's important to keep in touch with your mortgage professional on a regular basis and have a plan moving forward in the event of rising mortgage rates.

9) How do I reduce/improve monthly cash flow?

A review of your assets and debts can allow your mortgage professional to help with a plan to ensure your monthly cash flow is manageable.

In 2018, you have the benefit of choice. Even if you've had a long-term relationship with a financial institution, seek others, get more opinions and be open to other options. Get good advice from someone you like and trust. Look ahead and start early.

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Dinner event to raise funds for splash pad



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At a Jan. 20 fundraising dinner, Loaf and Honey will prepare a four-course meal that includes marinated Watersong trout (left) and duelling roasted squash and beet soup.

By Jennifer McFee

A splashy dinner event is making waves by combining a mouth-watering meal with a great community cause.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Stonewall Kinsmen invite diners to indulge in a delectable four-course gourmet meal by Loaf and Honey catering company. The event will take place at the Quarry Park Heritage Arts with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Chris Luellman, project chair of the splash pad project, said the event has a dual purpose.

"The whole idea is to showcase and fundraise for the splash pad while also paying homage to our past and present Kinsmen members and the Kinettes," he said.

"Hopefully, at the same time, we'll be able to market ourselves for new membership."

The Kinsmen and Kinettes will be serving at the dinner, which aims to raise about \$10,000, he added.

"The Kinettes have always been an important partner with any of the Kinsmen projects in town. We couldn't do it without them," Luellman said. "They're always looking for members too."

The splash pad project provides a link between the past and the present Kinsmen efforts.

"Without those past members in 1957 who decided that perhaps we should have a swimming hole, we wouldn't have Kinsmen Lake as it is today. For about a year and a half, our club was trying to decide what kind of project we could focus our energy on within the community that would be mindful of the Kinsmen and mindful of the community," Luellman said.

"We realized that our community is short of the amenity of a splash pad. It's a continuation to Kinsmen Lake, which our forefathers built. We thought it would be a great lasting

amenity for the community and it's useful for all ages."

The Stonewall Kinsmen are pleased with their working relationship with the Town of Stonewall, he added.

"We're quite proud that the Town of Stonewall has become partners in accepting the project," he said.

"We had to ask them for permission because they have to be mindful of the operational costs when we get to the future so they had to be in acceptance of our dream — and they have been. They've been wonderful."

For the fundraising dinner, Derrick McCandless and Jeremy Dueck will provide live entertainment. The meal itself will start with bread and flavoured honey, followed by an appetizer of marinated Watersong trout on quinoa salad with dried fruits and pea shoots topped with a light apple honey dressing.

After that, diners can whet their appetites with a duelling roasted squash and beet soup with crème fraiche and toasted seeds.

The main course will feature Naked Oats risotto with Barn Hammer beer-braised short ribs.

You'll want to save room for dessert, which will be sliced apple opera cake with Trappist cheese ice cream and caramel kettle corn.

A cash bar will be available, with wine or beer pairings.

"Everyone who attends is going to be spoiled with a fantastic meal," Luellman said. "We are very excited."

Tickets cost \$100 each and tables of eight are available. There is only room for 150, so it's best to get your tickets as soon as possible.

Tickets are available at Sunova Credit Union and Family Foods in Stonewall or by contacting Luellman at 204-461-0550.

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First baby of 2018 arrives at Selkirk Regional Health Centre

Submitted

The first baby of 2018 for Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) arrived at 2:50 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, making this the first New Year's baby born at the region's new Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

Weighing seven pounds, eight ounces, Ezekial David James Bennet was born to mom Ashlea Harley and her husband Lance Bennet, both from Teulon. Harley and Bennet were thrilled to welcome this new addition to the family. Their son, Billy, who is four years old, was also happy to finally meet his little brother.

Dr. Cynthia Czajka-Fedirchuk attended the birth, and Harley said that the team of care providers from the Selkirk Regional Health Centre who were with her throughout Ezekial's birth were just "wonderful."

"The staff and everything since I got here has been absolutely wonderful — the nurses, the doctors, just everyone. Everyone says this place is great and it really is true," said Harley.

Prior to the family's departure from hospital, members of the Selkirk & District General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary presented them with a gift basket that included diapers, a baby safety first kit, sleepers and a gift card for toys. Every year, the auxiliary celebrates the hospital's first baby of the year with items that provide comfort and help extend the care received at the hospital into the baby's home.

The staff and physicians at Selkirk Regional Health Centre's family birthing unit and staff across Interlake-Eastern RHA extend their best wishes and congratulations to Ashlea on the birth of her son.



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Ashlea Harley with her New Year's baby Ezekial David James Bennet.



Big brother Billy Bennet, mom Ashlea Harley and dad Lance Bennet with the region's first New Year's baby, Ezekial David James Bennet.

New season starts at local ski club

By Natasha Tersigni

With a strong membership base, competitive youth program and great support from the community the Teulon Cross Country Ski Club season is off to a great start.

The club opened its doors to current and potential members on Saturday for an open house to encourage new members to join their ranks.

Nestled just off Highway 7 on Road 91 W two kilometres south of Teulon, the community club has close to five kilometres of groomed classic and skate ski trails. The trails take advantage of the local features and include routes to the nearby Ross Creek.

"We have a great trail system we are able to offer. There are hills and variety in the terrain that is not offered at other clubs in the province. With 4.7 kilometres of trails, our members can do shorter laps or go for longer distances and it is nice to have that choice," explained Teulon Cross Country Ski Club vice-president Stuart Slattery.

Over the past few years and with help from the community, the club has worked to improve infrastructure and investments have been made in a new warming chalet along with grooming equipment.

"We have raised fair a bit of money through various grants and fundraising efforts in order to build this chalet. It has really improved our club and it allows for members to come in and get warm and change and it makes it easier to come and ski when it is -25C



Sidney Palmer, right, with her brother Nicolas hit the trails at the Teulon Cross Country Ski Club's open house on Saturday. With close to 100 members registered, the local club is off to a great season.

outside," said Slattery, who added that the improvements have allowed the club to increase memberships and programs offered.

"The club has really grown a lot the last few years. For example, five years ago, we had no youth programming and then we implemented the Jack-rabbit program. We started at five to six children and now we have more than 30 youth involved. As well, we have a strong adult base that come out

to stay active in the winter."

The club offers youth programming to children starting at five years old. As their skill develops, the members begin to compete at different races around the province. To stay competitive against other clubs and be ready for the January/February racing season, the team starts dryland training in the fall and then moves to the trail once there is enough snow.

For more information on the Teulon



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY
NATASHA TERSIGNI

Teulon Cross Country Ski Club competitive team member Hayden Turner practises classic skiing during the club's open house held last Saturday. The first race of the season for the team will be Jan. 20 in Pinawa.

Cross Country Club, including programs and upcoming events, go to www.skiteulon.ca.

Social to support former Interlake man injured in motorcycle accident

By Jennifer McFee

Family and friends of a former Interlake resident are banding together to offer support after he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident.

On Sept. 21, the family of Matt Guenther received a startling phone call stating that he had been in a terrible accident in Alabama, where he had been living in Huntsville with his wife Brooke for the past two years. Since they were uncertain whether he would survive, Guenther's family frantically booked flights to travel to his bedside.

Lana Hintz, Guenther's sister, said they found out the next day that he had been in a single vehicle motorcycle accident. He had been rounding a corner to turn onto the street that led to his home when his motorcycle began to shake violently. He was thrown from the motorcycle across a guardrail that ripped his right hand, sliced his abdomen and severed his right leg below the knee.

A Grade 12 student named Jaylon DeCrow was the first person to arrive at the scene and she performed first aid that saved Guenther's life. DeCrow, who is enrolled in a military medic program, used her belt as a tourniquet to slow the bleeding while waiting for paramedics to arrive. For her heroic actions, she has received a certificate of appreciation from the Huntsville Police Department, a proclamation from the mayor and a medal for heroism from the cadets group.

The paramedics were at the scene minutes later, and Guenther was at the Huntsville hospital's trauma centre within 15 minutes. Over the next six days, he underwent approximately

24 hours of surgery.

After the sixth day, doctors were amazed by his recovery and by the fact that he had no spinal cord injuries or head injuries since he had been wearing a helmet. They brought Guenther out of an induced coma and he was able to communicate by blinking and moving his left hand.

He stayed in the surgical/trauma unit for another two weeks before he was moved to another wing for rehabilitation to begin. Ten days later, he was moved to his in-laws' home since they had a level entry that is accessible.

His wife Brooke has been unable to work since Guenther requires 24-hour care to monitor his medication, change IVs, change dressings and take him to many medical appointments each week. Now that he is out of the hospital, it costs \$800 per month for medication and dressings alone.

He is now learning to walk on a prosthetic leg, but he continues to battle life-threatening infections caused by his exposure to the elements during the accident. As soon as he is able to travel, Guenther and his wife will head to Nashville to the Infectious Disease Center in the Vanderbilt Medical Center, where doctors will test, adjust and monitor his antibiotics. The concern is that his current antibiotics might begin to destroy his organs.

The Nashville trip will be at their expense, so his Manitoba family and friends are hoping to raise enough money to cover the costs through a fundraising social scheduled for Jan. 20 at Assiniboia Downs.

"It's been crazy and intense," said Hintz. "They have family and friends



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A fundraising social in honour of Matt and Brooke Guenther will be held at the Assiniboia Downs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Jan. 20.

down there that are taking care of mortgages, which is really amazing. We thought that we could come together to raise enough money for their trip and stay in Nashville so they don't have to worry about that."

Before they make the journey, Guenther will need to get well enough to travel.

"He can't fly in an airplane, so he would have to either go by ambulance or by medevac, but that would be at their expense," Hintz said.

"If he's well enough, they can drive. But if something happens on the way out there and they're an hour away from care, then that's also scary. It's two-and-a-half-hour drive, but the doctors are not really excited about that at all."

Since Guenther previously worked in Winnipeg's radio industry and is passionate about music, the social will incorporate some of Manitoba's

musical talent. Performers include ¾ Down, Past the Perimeter, Car 287, The Golden Boys, Amy Storry, Lynette Harris, and Brae & Lach.

Throughout the evening, an artist will also be working on a painting, which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

"It will be a very entertaining and interesting evening. We have some fantastic prizes already," Hintz said. "We are hoping that we could somehow come out of it with \$10,000."

The social will be held Jan. 20 in the main ballroom at Assiniboia Downs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets cost \$20 each, and support tickets are also available.

For tickets, contact Lana Hintz at 204-461-0050, Margaret Guenther at 204-461-1645, Laura Lough at 204-770-0771 or Terry Ferguson at terrenceferguson@hotmail.com or 204-782-0581.

Teulon-Rockwood Rec gets boost from FCC

Staff

Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund gave \$20,000 to the Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission for the Centennial Centre Revitalization Project on Jan. 4. The community improvements include painting inside the hall, a new heating system and improvements to the entrance of the community hall, which will address structural and accessibility issues. FCC gave \$1.5

million through its FCC AgriSpirit to 78 community groups across Canada to support rural capital projects in honour of Canada's 150th anniversary. The fund awards between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for community improvement projects, such as hospitals, medical centres, fire and rescue information, playgrounds, food banks, libraries, arenas, swimming pools, recreation areas and community centres.



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Pictured, left to right: Christine Anderson (FCC relationship manager Arborg) Laine Wilson (Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission), Kimberley Asham (FCC relationship manager Arborg) and Beth Hutchinson (Teulon-Rockwood Recreation Commission).

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Lightning prick Thistles for comeback victory



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Corey Soorsma scored for the Lightning to tie the game against the Kenora Thistles in their 6-3 comeback victory last Saturday.

By Brian Bowman

There was not quit in the Interlake Lightning Midget Provincial hockey team on Saturday against the Kenora Thistles.

After giving up a goal just 18 seconds into the second period to trail 3-1, Interlake stormed back to score the game's final five goals for a 6-3 home win.

Marcus Dewey started the comeback with a goal at 2:40 of the middle frame and then the Lightning tied the score at 3-3 as Corey Soorsma tallied just 1:34 later.

Interlake's Eric Krywy scored the game's next two goals and then Shane Bear closed out the game's scoring.

Jaytey Towle scored the Lightning's other goal. Krywy, Dylan Fontaine, and Bryce Krauter each finished the game with three points.

Ben Hackl, Jayme Caron, and Aiden Bibeau replied for Kenora. Josh Bond made 39 saves for the win.

On Friday, Kenora skated to a 4-3 overtime win as Cooper Witherspoon scored the game winner.

Krauter and Fontaine scored goals late in the third period to tie the score at 3-3. Krauter finished the game with three points.

Krywy scored Interlake's other goal in the first period.

Jared Niniska, Hackl and Witherspoon also scored for Kenora. Two of those goals came on the power play while the other was a shorthanded marker.

Bond made 38 saves in the loss.

The Lightning ended 2017 with an 8-1 loss to the Eastman Selects on Dec. 22 and then were defeated 7-2 by the Winnipeg Bruins the next day.

Against Eastman, the Selects were

very good in the final two periods of the road victory over the Lightning in Gimli.

After a scoreless first period, Eastman scored the first four goals of the second and then added four more in the third.

Evan Sumaling had a great game for the Selects, finishing with three goals. Spencer Morrison, Rylan Hoffman, Smith, Matthew Hill, and Wilton also scored for Eastman.

Soorsma scored Interlake's lone goal on the power play at 17:34 of the second period. Dewey assisted on the goal.

Justin Powers made 29 saves for the win.

In the road loss to the Bruins, Fontaine scored an unassisted goal for the Lightning late in the first period.

Interlake's second goal came off the stick of Keenan McPherson in the second period. The power-play goal was assisted by Krauter and Krywy.

Nathanael Hinds and Kyle Lang each scored twice for Winnipeg while Breydon Stubbs, Ty Naaykens and Jayson Szun added singles.

Interlake, now 7-21-0-2-0, will continue its four-game homestand this weekend when it hosts Brandon on Saturday (7 p.m.) and Norman Sunday (2 p.m.).

Bantam team suffers third-period woes in Parkland loss

By Brian Bowman

One bad period sunk the Interlake Lightning against the Parkland Rangers in Bantam action last Sunday in Warren.

Interlake put two solid periods together to lead Parkland 4-2 in the third period. But the Rangers roared back to score four times in a 6:36 span late in the final frame.

Cole Emberly scored a first-period goal for the Lightning and then Brett Tataryn and Brayden Stevenson added power-play goals in the second to give Interlake a 3-2 lead.

The Lightning's Colby Bear then put the home side up two goals heading into the third. Bear finished the game with three points while Karson King and Tataryn both chipped in with two points.

Bear and Tataryn are currently co-leaders on the Lightning in points with 26 in 26 games.

Tyson Zimmer led Parkland with three goals and an assist (scoring twice to start the third)

while Zach Boychuk, Wyatt Tweet and Josh Thompson added singles.

Parkland outshot Interlake 40-30 as Lightning goaltender Jackson Kummén finished the game with 34 saves.

The loss came in the Interlake's first game in the new year. The Lightning wrapped up 2017 with three straight losses.

Interlake's last victory was a 9-8 win over the Norman Wolves on Dec. 9.

The Lightning will be looking to get back into the win column tonight when they host the Eastman Selects in Stonewall. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

Interlake will then hit the road Friday to battle the Southwest Cougars in Wawanessa. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Lightning will continue their busy schedule with a game next Tuesday (7 p.m.) against the Winnipeg Monarchs at the Bell MTS Iceplex.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

The Lightning's Cole Emberly scored a first-period goal for Interlake against the Parkland Rangers in Bantam action last Sunday.

Stonewall Jets on three-game MMJHL losing streak

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Jets played a pair of very tough teams last weekend.

And, despite holding their own against both of them, the Jets were winless in both Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League contests.

On Sunday evening, Stonewall was edged 2-1 by the Charleswood Hawks.

Noah Robidoux gave the Hawks a 1-0 first-period lead and then Stonewall's Chase Faulkner and Charleswood's Shea Gorenstein traded second-period goals.

Faulkner's goal was his team-leading 19th of the season. Devin Muir and Andrew Bayduza assisted on the goal.

Last Friday, the Jets had another

great effort — but picked up zero points — in a 2-0 loss to the first-place Raiders Jr. Hockey Club.

Nicholas Mathews scored the game winner on the power play at 15:45 of the third period. Devin Mannes then clinched the win with a power-play goal into an empty net at 19:06.

The Raiders outshot the Jets 40-18 as Hunter Ploszay saw a lot of rubber in goal.

The Jets started the new year with a 3-2 road loss to the Pembina Valley Twisters. The game was originally supposed to be played Nov. 4 but was postponed due to poor weather.

Pembina Valley took a 2-0 lead early in the second period on goals by Elijah Carels and James Van De Velde.

Stonewall's Brendan Labossiere and Pembina Valley's Quade Froese then traded goals just 1:52 apart midway in the middle frame. Froese's goal came while the Twisters were on the power play.

The Jets scored a power-play goal of their own as Max Smith tallied at 15:50 of the third to pull his team to within a goal.

Back on Dec. 22, the Jets blanked the River East Royal Knights 4-0.

Stonewall outshot River East by a whopping 55-13 margin as Curtis Beck posted the shutout.

Labossiere led Stonewall with two goals and an assist while Carson Ouellette and Bryce Stovin also tallied. The Jets, now 17-12-1 and with 35 points to

occupy fourth place, will play the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and then will battle the St. Boniface Riels on Sunday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Both games will be played at the Bell MTS Iceplex.

On an individual note, Faulkner was named the MMJHL's player of the month for December. He scored seven goals and added four assists in seven games last month.

Charleswood's Ryan Hall was selected as the league's top goaltender for December while Transcona's Nicolas Gravel was picked as the league's top defenceman.

The MMJHL rookie of the month was St. Vital's Kevin Lamb.

Merces move into tie for top spot in SEMHL standings

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Merces are keeping pace in the race for top spot in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings.

Warren improved its record to 9-3 this season after doubling the Redskins 4-2 in Morden on Saturday evening.

Morden's Jordan Neduzak opened the game's scoring at 16:13 of the first period but Warren responded with second-period goals by Ryan Sholdice, Eric Swanson and Cliff Ketchen.

Victor Knaub pulled the Redskins to within a goal at 12:59 of the third but

the Merces' Damian Wallack sealed the win with a shorthanded marker at 18:53.

Travis Bosch made 26 saves for the win.

On Friday, Warren hosted Altona but that game was called midway in the second period due to ice problems, according to the league website. The remainder of the game will be played in Altona on Feb. 3 prior to their previously scheduled game.

On Dec. 30, Warren whipped the Winkler Royals 9-4 as Dylan Hykawy led the way with two goals and three assists.

Brendan Luschinski also had a strong game for the Merces with three goals and an assist.

Mike Gemmill, Bryn Lindsay, Brayden McDonald and Kyle Luschinski also scored for Warren. Matt Jacobucci chipped in with three assists.

Cody Friesen, Jared Unrau, Brett Harder and Caleb Unrau replied for Winkler.

Bosch made 24 saves for the win.

Back on Dec. 21, Warren downed the Portage Islanders 4-1.

Bryn Lindsay and Kyle Luschinski

scored power-play goals for the Merces while Brock Genyk and Trent Genyk added even-strength markers. Trent Genyk finished the game with three points.

Dan Leslie snapped Bosch's shutout bid at 14:58 of the third.

Warren, currently tied with Notre Dame (8-2-1-1) for first place, each with 18 points, in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League standings will host Winkler this Saturday at 8 p.m.

Morden will then visit Warren on Jan. 19.

Men's bonspiel champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY BRUCE BUCHANAN

The Argyle men's curling bonspiel took place Jan. 3-7 with 32 teams competing. Pictured left to right, the first-event winners of Craig Nichol, Ryan Smith, Riley Nichol, and Trevor Blue, who defeated the Bryan Novak team.

The second event was won by Ron Weatherburn, Larry Weatherburn, Shane Elliott and Gary Steinthorson, who beat the Colin Crockatt team. Stu Brown, Kurt Bouskill, Geoff Holod and James Morton defeated the Tyler Saj rink to win the third event.

Midget female Lightning defeat Chiefs

Staff

The Interlake Lightning overcame a 2-0 second-period deficit to score three unanswered goals in a 3-2 victory over the Yellowhead Chiefs in Manitoba Female Midget Hockey League action Sunday in Shoal Lake.

Brenna Baryliski, Kalyn Barrett and Gracie Grift scored for the Lightning. Interlake's Jillian Henry, Jacey Ledochowski and Nori Sigvaldason each had assists in the game.

Juliana Davis and Jocelyn Zimmer replied for the Chiefs. Interlake goalie Emma Plett made 26 saves for the win.

On Saturday, it was Yellowhead that squeaked out a 3-2 victory.

Henry led the Lightning with a goal and an assist while Barret also tallied. Jamie Johnson added an as-

sist in the game.

Interlake's Rachel Parson made 49 saves in the loss.

Interlake began its busy weekend with a 4-0 loss to the Winnipeg Avros last Friday in Stonewall.

Winnipeg, which held period leads of 1-0 and 2-0, received goals from Taylor Wuirch-Coombs (two), Taylor Coward and Jessi-Lynn Sumaling.

Plett made 44 saves for the Lightning while Danielle-Bonot-Schmidt faced just 10 Interlake shots.

The Lightning are back in action this weekend with a pair of home games in two different locations. Interlake will host the Westman Wildcats this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Teulon.

On Sunday, the Lightning will take on the Pembina Valley Hawks in Warren. Game time is 4 p.m.

Christmas Challenge Tournament champs



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LISA SLATCHER

The Stonewall Blues 12A1 hockey team was undefeated at the Christmas Challenge Tournament to end December. Stonewall blasted Garden City 7-0 in the semifinal and then defeated Mitchell 3-1 in the championship game. In round-robin play, the Blues beat the Winter Hawks Blue (4-2), Fort Garry (5-3) and St. Boniface (5-1). Pictured back row: Liam Wheddon (head coach), Nic LeClair, Hayden Kaczorowski, Aiden Singh, Brady Becker, Hayden Wheddon, Todd Faragher (assistant coach) and Cory Woods (assistant coach). The middle row includes Dylan LeClair, Hayden Faragher, Kael Brown, Rylan Slatcher, Brody Kopys, Spencer Hunnam. Ty Woods is in the front while Carter Boughton is missing from the photo.

Fox scores with scholarship



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Stonewall's Rebecca Fox was awarded a \$500 Winnipeg Ringette League scholarship during the League's ninth Annual All-Star Day with Keira's Krusade and CancerCare Manitoba. Fox was one of the U19 'A' All-Star players.

Rams tame Tigers in varsity girls' basketball

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams varsity girls' basketball team may have started slow against the St. John's Tigers on Monday, but they finished really, really strong.

The result was a very impressive 65-34 league road win by the Rams in front of a boisterous St. John's crowd.

"They were loud and cheering and my girls got super rattled because they are used to playing with no one in the stands," laughed Rams' head coach Christy Steeves Tuesday afternoon.

"The first quarter was pretty sketchy but they definitely pulled it together

and started to relax and play much better."

The Rams were definitely better in each quarter and were dominant in the fourth as they outscored the Tigers by a wide 18-2 margin.

"We were moving the ball better (in each quarter)," Steeves recalled. "We had a lot of turnovers in the first quarter. My girls are fairly strong with long passes (and) they look for that break-out right away but with the adrenaline, those passes were wild (to start the game)."

To their credit, the Rams settled down and ran their offence much, much better as the game wore on.

That changed the tempo of the game as the Rams eventually took over.

"I wish they would have started better but it makes you feel good how they finished," Steeves said. "They ran the show, in a sense, and that's what we need to get used to doing."

"Instead of playing to what their opponent is doing, they need to play their own game and control it themselves."

With the win, Stonewall is now 1-1 in WWAC play. The Rams opened their regular season with a four-point loss to Tec Voc last month.

The Rams also played very well at a Cuda Classic tournament in Winni-

peg back on Dec. 8-9.

Stonewall, playing with a short bench, defeated the Beliveau Barracudas (62-23) and the Leo-Remillard Renards (70-25) in pool play but then lost 52-44 to Northlands Parkway in the first-place game.

"It showed me what the girls are capable of and they did really, really well," said Steeves of the early-season tournament.

Stonewall then played a couple of exhibition games, beating Sanford 63-38 and John Taylor 45-39.

The Rams are back in action Wednesday evening when they host the Westwood Warriors in a WWAC game.

SCI ends 2017 with pair of high school hockey losses

By Brian Bowman

The year 2017 didn't end so well for the Stonewall Collegiate Rams' hockey team.

Stonewall was shut out 2-0 by College Jeanne Sauve on Dec. 20 and then was defeated 4-1 by Sanford the following day.

The CJS loss was a tough one for Stonewall, which battled the Olympians to a 0-0 tie until early in the third.

But CJS scored twice in a 1:27 span — with goals coming from Mathew Carriere and Luke Fredrickson — to secure the win.

Against Sanford, Stonewall trailed 1-0 after the first period and then 2-1

after the middle frame.

Ryan Brown scored the Rams' lone goal on the power play midway in the second period.

Dryden Bound led Sanford with two goals and two assists while Eric Bossuyt and Zac Anseeuw also tallied.

Stonewall, now 3-16, hosted Sanford on Wednesday but no score was available. The Rams won't play again until Jan. 22 when they battle the Westwood Warriors at the Keith Bodley Arena in Winnipeg. Puck drop is 4 p.m.

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats, meanwhile, ended their regular-season schedule before the holiday break with a dominating 10-4 triumph over

the Linden Christian Wings.

Warren lit up the goal light early and often against Linden Christian goaltender Linden Meilleur.

The Wildcats scored four goals in the first period before adding two more in the middle frame and four in the final period.

Kyle Melo and Nick Prystupa both had fantastic offensive games for Warren. Melo scored five times and added three assists while Prystupa netted a hat trick to go along with five assists.

Jayden Allary chipped in with a goal and three helpers. Zach Enright tallied the Wildcats' other goal.

Darian Ahronson (two), Casdon

Masse and Brock Ahronson replied for Linden Christian. Graeme Bytheway posted the win in goal.

With the victory, Warren improved its record to 4-11 and the Wildcats now have 11 points to sit in eighth place in the nine-team Price Division standings.

Warren was scheduled to host John Taylor on Dec. 18 but no score was posted on the league website by press time.

The Wildcats hosted the Sisler Spartans this past Tuesday and then will have Louis Riel come to town next Tuesday. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

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7	2	5	8	1	3	4	9	6
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Sudoku Answer

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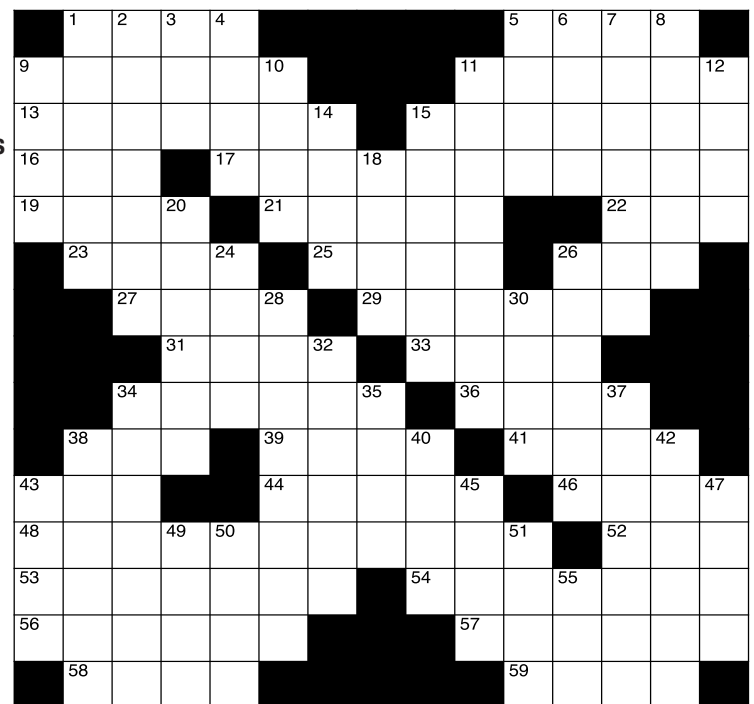
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
5. Religious service
9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
15. Inflection of the voice
16. "Great Expectations" character
17. Becomes a butterfly
19. Spoke
21. Tennis player Sharapova
22. Midway between northeast and east
23. Afrikaans
25. No instruction set computing
26. Pacific Standard Time
27. Relaxing places
29. Confiscates
31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
33. Witnesses
34. Taking place in a series
36. Satisfy
38. Freshwater fish of N. America
39. Laments
41. "Girls" creator Dunham
43. Indian title of respect
44. Cocoa plum
46. Network of nerve cells
48. Link together in a chain
52. Cool 70s crew "The ___ Squad"
53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
54. Accumulation of glacial debris
56. Fastened
57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
58. Whiskey and bread are two



59. Scottish tax

dress and manners

24. Habitat
26. Annoy constantly
28. Full of life
30. Great energy
32. BBQ and soy are two
34. Virtuous
35. Not fatty
37. Foes
38. Merchandiser
40. Dishonest scheme
42. Repents
43. Protective crust
45. Native American people
47. Any place of bliss or delight
49. Bring up
50. Birds
51. Geological times
55. Consumed

CLUES DOWN

1. Rope used to lasso
2. Idyllic places
3. Field force unit
4. Guitar great Clapton
5. Slang for type of skirt
6. Figure skating jump
7. Innocent
8. Mathematical ratio
9. Slowly drinks
10. Line where edges meet
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Thank you to all.

-Betty-Anne Fairlie

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I send my sincere thank you to the paramedics who responded to my emergency and was critical for my well being today. I send my sincere thank you for all the care and compassion provided by the doctors, nurses and staff in the Stroke Recovery at H.S.C. and Riverview Health Centre. I send a huge thank you to all my friends and family who were so supportive with cards, visits, phone call, goodies and flowers. All of this encouraged my recovery during my three weeks in H.S.C. and five weeks at Riverview Health Centre. Thanks to my husband and son Cory for their equivalent of daily visits.

I love you all.

-Kathleen Biloki

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CARDS OF THANKS

Never underestimate the love of your family. They will turn themselves inside out for you. Mine did. They did the shopping, made good meals, cleaned up after, did the laundry, cleaned house, scrubbed the floor, just everything. And to my dear friends who brought an assortment of food (more than once) to tempt my failing appetite. I think of you often. You are all angels and I love you. I'm not 100% yet but I'll get there. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

-Love, Jean

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In Loving Memory of

Laurie Doying - January 16, 2002

Kay Doying - January 18, 1999

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Family ties are lasting bonds,
That are woven into each heart;
To keep a family close in thought,
Together or apart.

-Ever remembered,
Arleen and family,
Jim and boys

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Beverly Ann Gardner

February 28, 1939 - January 3, 2011

Those we love can never be more
Than a thought away...
For as long as there's a memory
They live in our hearts to stay.

-Love always,
your family

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IN MEMORIAM

Shannon Barnes-Figur

December 4, 1970 - December 31, 2016

Those we love remain with us,
For love itself lives on;
Cherished memories never fade,
Because one loved is gone.
Those we love can never be,
More than a thought apart;
For as long as there is a memory,
They live on in our hearts.

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Bryant (Bucky) Isbister
Like a fine wine or a vintage car,
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Thank you, Dad, for being a treasure in our lives.
Happy 75th Birthday!
-Love Bud, Jeff, Cory and Deb, Shannon, Chris, Brooklynn and Halle

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IN MEMORIAM



Shannon Barnes-Figur
December 4, 1970 – December 31, 2016
We are connected, my child and I,
By an invisible cord not seen by the eye.
It's not like the cord that connects us 'til birth,
This cord can't be seen by any on earth.
This cord does its work right from the start,
It binds us together, attached to my heart.
I know that it's there, though no one can see,
The invisible cord from my child to me.
The strength of this cord is hard to describe,
It can't be destroyed, it can't be denied.
It's stronger than any cord man could create,
It withstands the test, can hold any weight.
And though you are gone, and not here with me,
The cord is still there, but no one can see.
It pulls at my heart, I am bruised, I am sore,
But this cord is my lifeline as never before.
I am thankful that God connects us this way,
A mother and child, death can't take it away.
Love you to the moon and back.

-Mom

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In Memory of Jack Oatway
Dad, its been a year - January 10
Nothing is the same without you here.
All we see is your empty chair.
We miss you so much!!
Love you dearly.

-Your daughter-in-law Luciel
and son Kent
XOXO

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Alfred John "Jack" Oatway
March 27, 1923 - January 10, 2017
It has been one year since you left us.
You were always there for your
Family, friends, neighbours and community.
Always doing, never resting.
An example of a life that would make the
world a better place.
We miss you.

- from his family

OBITUARY



Ronald P. Denner
Ronald P. Denner of Stony Mountain, Manitoba passed away peacefully on December 25, 2017 at the age of 82 years.
Ron is survived by his wife Ruth, of 59 years; daughters Kim (Trevor), Karen, Rhonda (Andre).
Cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held.

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Alan Sheldon

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our Dad, Grandpa, Great-grandpa (Great Papa) Alan Sheldon, at the Stonewall Hospital on December 17, 2017 at the age of 100 years. He was predeceased by his wife Vivian (2010); son Larry; granddaughter Erin; son-in-law Brad; daughter-in-law Sharon. His siblings Mary Olivia, Isabel (Gordon), Jim (Dorothy) (Pearl), Harry (Thelma), Dorothy and step-sister Berna (Norman). Also Vivian's family, brothers-in-law Roy (Marg), Ivan (Lil); sister-in-law Ione (Lawrence); brothers-in-law Jack and John. He is survived by his sons and daughters, Wayne (Mary), Meryl (Doug), Verne (Marcelle), Karen (Jim), Nancy (Roy); sisters-in-law Elva and Frances; very dear friend Drew Lambert; 19 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren and many special nieces and nephews. The great grands had a special place in his heart and he loved visiting with them, looking at pictures, and

hearing of their exploits.

Dad was born on the family farm in Grassmere district to Harry and Flora Sheldon on July 25, 1917. He attended Grassmere and Brandt Argyle schools. He left home at the age of 17, after the death of his father, to work at Moore's farm in Marquette. He worked many manual labour jobs in those early years most times for a dollar a day. He and Mum married in 1941 and Dad joined the army in March of 1942. They moved to Kingston and Dad was posted overseas in September of 1942 leaving from Halifax. He travelled through many countries while serving Canada as a member of the Signal Core and as a mechanic. He returned home on the QE II in the fall of 1945, unknowingly travelling home on the same ship as his brother Jim.

Dad and Mum purchased the family farm in 1946 from his mother, living there for 41 years before moving to Winnipeg in 1988. During that time he farmed and for 20 years worked at the Winnipeg Post Office. They had built many friendships while on the farm and continued to drive back to Stonewall area for church, meetings and friends. They moved from the house on Canoe Bay to Lion Estates before Mum passed in 2010. Dad then lived at Sturgeon Creek for a short time before feeling the pull of the Stonewall area and moved to a duplex in town while waiting for a spot at the Lion's Manor. Once "home" Dad enjoyed attending church and Fun Fridays at the Legion where he became quite proficient at Pool Top Curling. He proudly marched on Decoration Day every June until he was 96 years old. He also took part in Quarry Days, riding on the Legion float many times including this past August. Dad enjoyed reminiscing with all who would listen and had many stories to tell of the past. He was a collector of tools, sometimes having two or three of the same one.

Dad lived his life on his terms. He had strong opinions on how things should be done and was not afraid to voice those opinions. He was very proud of his family, both present and past, and all their accomplishments. He leaves us with a wealth of memories and he will be missed dearly.

The family would like to thank the staff at Deer Lodge and Stonewall Hospitals for their care and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grassmere United Church, c/o Stonewall Pastoral Charge 369 First Avenue N, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0.

Funeral Service was held on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Stonewall United Church.

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Jennie Grechen (nee Baley)

It is with profound sadness that the family of Jennie Grechen (nee Baley) of Teulon, Manitoba, announce that Jennie's long and happy time on this Earth has come to a peaceful end on January 6, 2018, at the age of 98.

Jennie was a loving mother, baba, sister, aunt, and friend. She was born in Teulon, Manitoba, on November 20, 1919. In 1947, she married William (Bill) Grechen, and they built a life together on the family farm in the Dundas region outside of Teulon, where they lived until after Bill's passing in 1996.

Jennie leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her daughters Mitzi (Steven) Maksymyk and Luci Grechen (Garry Sinnock); her grandchildren Gretchen Maksymyk, Steven Maksymyk (Anna Chan) and Katrina Maksymyk (David Lane); and her sister Marion (Stan) Smerchanski, as well as many nieces and nephews,

relatives, friends and neighbours.

Jennie is predeceased by her parents Stephan and Nettie Baley; her sisters Anne (Fred) Kwasney, Mary (Merle) McCollough, and Lena (Joe) Sanek; her brothers William (Julie) Baley and Harry (Addie) Baley; her in-laws, Alexander and Millie Grechen and her sister-in-law Christine (Bruce) Slipetz.

Jennie loved school from the very first day and was inspired to become a teacher from a very early age. She was an attentive and accomplished student who graduated from Teulon high school before taking her teacher's training at Normal School in 1941-42. She held a number of teaching positions throughout the Interlake during her early twenties, including Fisher Branch, Norwood School in Petersfield, Wheathill School in Chatfield, and Dundas School in Teulon. Jennie taught in Teulon for over 35 years and retired in 1978.

Working on the family farm, teaching full-time, and raising a family made for a busy but fulfilling life. Jennie believed in hard work and education and, despite her heavy workload, she continued to take university courses throughout her career. But life was not just work; Jennie and Bill enjoyed camping and fishing outings with their girls and, later in life, they escaped to warm and carefree places like Hawaii and Cuba and cruised throughout the Caribbean. Jennie also believed in community and often volunteered to help out with such things as the music festival, church teas and charitable events. She enjoyed visiting with family, neighbours, and friends and seeing her old Normal School chums at their reunions. Jennie especially loved being a TART (lol) - a member of the Teulon Association of Retired Teachers. She also loved baseball as a girl, and her trademark crooked pointer finger was a result of a baseball accident in her youth.

Jennie was passionate about many issues: politics, the environment, Teulon's hospital and the health care system, and the world in which we all live. She consistently urged each and every one of us to fight for what is right and to work toward the greater good. Her passion, determination, independence, and the glimpses of devilishness she would sometimes let us see, will be profoundly missed.

As per Jennie's wishes, a cremation has already taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Teulon United Church or to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the medical staff at the Grace Hospital for their compassion and care.

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